

Yuqun Wu

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EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Champaign, USA

Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science

Aug 2023 - Present

- Advisor: Prof. Derek Hoiem

Master of Science in Computer Science (thesis)

Aug 2022 - May 2023

- Advisor: Prof. Derek Hoiem, Prof. Shenlong Wang

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science & Statistics

Jan 2020 - Dec 2021

- Highest Honors at graduation, Dean's list for all years, GPA: 4.0/4.0

Sun Yat-sen University

Guangzhou, China

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics

Sep 2016 - Dec 2019

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Champaign, USA

Improving Neural Radiance Fields with Patch-based Monocular Guidance

Jan 2023 - May 2023

Advisor: Prof. Derek Hoiem, Prof. Shenlong Wang - In Submission

- Project aimed to create 3D models that provide accurate geometry and view synthesis, partially closing the large geometric performance gap between NeRF and traditional MVS methods
- Proposed appearance regularization of normalized cross-correlation (NCC) and structural similarity (SSIM) between randomly sampled novel and training view to improve general performance

QFF: Quantized Fourier Features for Neural Field Representations

Aug 2022 - Nov 2022

Advisor: Prof. Derek Hoiem, Prof. Shenlong Wang - In Submission

- Project presented Quantized Fourier Features (QFF), which encoded features in bins of Fourier features, and resulted in smaller model size, faster training, and better quality outputs for various applications of neural representation
- Assist in blending QFF into different network setups and running experiments

Sparse SPN: Depth Completion from Sparse Keypoints

Sep 2021 - Nov 2022

Advisor: Prof. Derek Hoiem - In Submission

- Project draw attention to single view depth completion taking point cloud from SfM as input
- Proposed a novel method that outperforms existing depth completion pipelines given sparse keypoint depth, and reconstructed complete point clouds given real SfM setup

GRIT: General Robust Image Task Benchmark

Jun 2021 - Aug 2021

Advisor: Prof. Derek Hoiem

- Rendered surface normal of object-centric and scene-centric datasets, and split them into training, validation, and testing sets
- Trained a baseline network with training sets, and compare it with several other pretrained state-of-the-art normal estimation networks with testing sets
- Challenge Organizer of the 2nd workshop on Open World Vision of CVPR 2022

Depth Completion With Sparse Depth Input

Aug 2020 - Aug 2021

Advisor: Prof. Derek Hoiem

- Project aimed at improving the monocular depth completion by optimization based on sparse depth input, normal mapping, and occlusion boundary
- Implemented baseline, investigated differentiable optimization strategies, and conducted experiments

University of California San Diego

Remote

Lighting completion from sparse lighting samples

Jun 2022 - Sep 2022

Advisor: Prof. Manmohan Chandraker

- Project aims at recovering per-pixel spatially-varying lighting maps taking single color image and sparse lighting samples
- Investigated 2D lighting completion methods with differentiable rendering and compare to pure RGB-based estimation networks

ACTIVITIES

Teaching Assistant

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Champaign, USA

Aug 2022 - May 2023

- Course: *CS 445 Computational Photography, CS 441 Applied Machine Learning*

Summer Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU)

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Champaign, USA

May 2021 - Aug 2021

- Attended weekly seminars covering research skills, presentation skills

SKILLS

- **Programming Languages:** Python, C/C++, JavaScript, R
- **Other Tools:** Git, Pytorch, Latex